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The Hon. Mayor Kerry J. Donley and City Council
Alexandria City Hall
301 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Living Wage Coalition, comprised of labor unions, religious congregations, and community members, we would like to thank Mayor Donley, Vice-Mayor Cleveland, and City Council Members Pepper, Euille, Woodson, Speck, and Eberwein for speaking out on behalf of Alexandria's Living Wage Ordinance during this year's state legislative session. As you all know, our City's living wage was under attack by three different bills. Without the support and leadership of the Mayor and City Council, the living wage may have been outlawed.

Due to the efforts of the Mayor and City Council, working citizens of this community will continue to receive wages with which they can afford to support their families and better their quality of life. Again, we would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to working people in the City of Alexandria.

Sincerely,

Northern Virginia Living Wage Coalition